



Annual Newsletter 2026

Working together to build a world where patient and public involvement is an integral part of health and social care research

A message from our Chair Dr. Gary Hickey

Firstly, I'd like to wish all of you a happy new year! I am pleased to say that our network grew significantly during 2025, as we gained over one hundred new members from all over the World. Our webinars and blog posts continued to attract large audiences, and our new Website and YouTube channel have seen us further increase our outreach. As our profile has grown, so has our ambition, and we have even more exciting activities planned for 2026 which we hope as many of you as possible will be able to attend and participate in. Thank you for your support during 2025, and I hope we can achieve even more together during 2026 and beyond.



Update on our activities

Webinars

2025 saw the re-launch of our webinar series, now in partnership with the UK [National Institute for Health and Care Research](#) and hosted on our own [website](#) and [YouTube Channel](#). Between September and December we hosted three webinars:

- **Measuring the Impact of PPI in Research** with Jennifer Mohammadi (KCL),
- **Citizen Science: The Isala Project** with Sarah Ahannach (University of Antwerp), and
- **Embedding PPI in Organisations** - The German Centre for Mental Health with Silke Lipinski and Isobel Dziobek (DZPG).

Each of our guest speakers provided some fascinating insights into their work in PPI, and all were very well attended by participants from all over the world. All of our previous webinars are available to watch on our website using the above link.

Our 2026 webinar series kicks off at 3pm on Thursday 5th February with '**Patient and Public Involvement in Ireland**' presented by Claire Riordan and Edel Murphy of the University of Galway. ([Register to attend HERE if you haven't already.](#)). We aim to host at least 3 more webinars over the course of the year, and already have some great speakers lined up so look out for our email updates or posts via our socials.

Blogs

We had some great contributions to our [blog](#) during 2025, most notably Jennifer Mohammadi's [follow-up piece to her webinar on Measuring Impact](#), and Patrick Toland's article on '[Patient Voices in the Age of AI](#)' which were both extremely popular among our readers.

We aim to be even more active in this space during 2026, with many submissions from our members already scheduled for publication over the next few months, and lots more in the pipeline.

We are always on the look out for more content for our blog, so if you do have any ideas, or would like to submit a draft for us to consider then please do email Ricky at ricky.piper@nihr.ac.uk.

Patient Voices Symposium, Singapore



In November, our Planning Group members Gary Hickey and Ai Ling Sim-Devadas both participated in the Patient Voices Symposium in Singapore, organised by the Office of Patient Engagement (OPEN) of which Ai Ling is co-leader.

Connecting researchers, educators, and patients, the event brought together over 300 attendees from 40 organisations – including patient partners, researchers, educators, healthcare professionals and students.

Speakers from local and international institutions presented on a variety of topics, and took questions from the audience. Whilst many inspiring stories from patient partners were also heard. Through the OPEN Voices Gallery, 11 OPEN Voices

Patient Partners had one-to-one chats with attendees about their lived experience and how they have been involved in medical research and education.

Round Table Event - Embedding PPI in Asia

We are extremely pleased to announce that our first ever Round Table event will take place on the 26th May 2026, focusing on Embedding Patient and Public Involvement in Asia. Preparations are well underway, and in collaboration with colleagues who work in the region we hope that this will be a really interesting and valuable exercise. The full details including how to register to attend will be shared with you over the next couple of months.

We also hope to organise a second Round Table event in the final quarter of 2026, with the subject matter yet to be decided. Watch this space!

Have your say

Take our survey

As we look to organise more events throughout 2026 and into 2027, we want to know what subjects you are most interested in.

By completing this [online survey](#) you have the chance to influence what areas related to patient and public involvement will provide the focus of the network's activities over the next 18 months or so.

We really appreciate your input!

Thank you

Finally, welcome to all of our new members who joined throughout 2025, and to all of you - thank you for your continued support of the network



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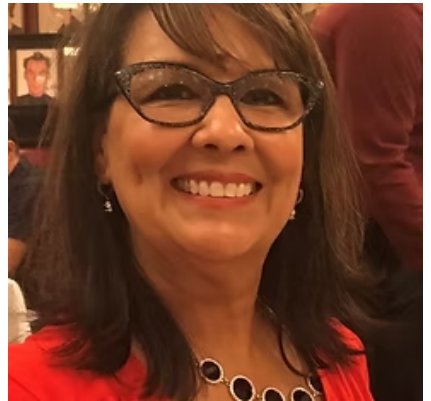
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